

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 9, 2004.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we believe in You and in the relevance of following Your ways each day. Your guidance and assistance enables us to recognize and address both our responsibilities and opportunities for serving You and constituents. Inspire us to respond to these matters in a mature, thoughtful and honorable manner. In these rather stressful times, help us to cope with the day's challenges, the expectations and demands of the people and the need of implementing human and spiritual values in today's culture.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Messages from the Governor — Vetoes.

Dissection choice.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill providing for dissection choice in the public schools [see House, No. 1252, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5048) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Saturday, July 31.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Health care trust.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill to determine the financial feasibility of establishing the Massachusetts Health Care Trust [see House, No. 4953, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5049) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Monday, August 2.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Resolutions.

Erika Natalie Ebbel.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) congratulating Erika Natalie Ebbel on being named Miss Massachusetts 2004, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the

rules, on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Rodrigues of Westport presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5050) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Joan M. Menard (by vote of the town) that the town of Westport be authorized to develop and maintain a subsidized housing plan for low and moderate income housing; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing and Urban Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westport, housing.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the disposition of certain land in the city of Lowell (see Senate, No. 2421, changed and amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Lowell, disposition of land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the penalties for killing, maiming or poisoning an animal (see Senate, No. 198, amended);

Bills enacted.

Relative to municipal light plant department security deposits (see Senate, No. 2211);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Increasing the time in which real property owned by the Central Berkshire County Development Corporation may be exempt from taxation by the city or town in which it is located (see House, No. 3749);

Relative to the school department in the town of Fairhaven expending revenue derived from advertising in schools without appropriation by the town (see House, No. 4401, changed);

Allowing students with cystic fibrosis to self administer enzyme supplements (see House, No. 4409);

Relative to the position of town administrator in the town of Wayland (see House, No. 4784);

Relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick (see House, No. 4882);

Relative to school building custodians in the city of Somerville (see House, No. 4957); and

Bills
enacted.

Placing the health inspector under the supervision of the Division of Inspectional Services in the city of Somerville (see House, No. 4958);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gobi of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.